REMARKS

Claims 1-56 were pending in the application at the time of the Restriction Requirement. The restriction set forth a requirement requiring Applicants to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution on the merits:

Group I: claims 1-17, 39-43 and 46-56

Group II: claims 18-34 and 44

Group III: claims 35-38 and 45

Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group I containing claims 1-17, 39-43 and 46-56 for examination. Applicant also authorizes the Examiner to cancel the remaining claims 18-38 and 44-45.

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